

**House File 4 - Introduced**

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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act establishing a centralized state school bus purchasing  
2 program administered by the department of administrative  
3 services.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 8A.319 Centralized state school  
2 bus purchasing program.

3 1. The department shall develop procedures and  
4 specifications for the solicitation of bids for the purchase of  
5 school buses, in consultation with the department of education,  
6 school districts, and nonpublic schools. In soliciting bids,  
7 the department shall conform to all applicable state and  
8 federal laws, rules, and regulations regarding standards for  
9 school buses.

10 2. As a condition of participating in the state school bus  
11 purchasing program, each bidder shall agree that if the bidder  
12 subsequently offers a substantially similar bid to another  
13 purchaser for a lower price, the bidder's contract price with  
14 the state shall be automatically reduced to match the lower  
15 price.

16 3. As a condition of participating in the state school  
17 bus purchasing program, each bidder shall agree to include an  
18 option for school districts to trade in school buses currently  
19 in use.

20 4. The department may award a contract for purchase to  
21 any bidder or bidders responsive to the needs of at least  
22 one school district or nonpublic school participating in the  
23 program.

24 5. Participation in the state school bus purchasing program  
25 by school districts and nonpublic schools is voluntary. A  
26 school district or nonpublic school may accept any bid for  
27 which the department awards a contract for purchase. A school  
28 district or nonpublic school participating in the program shall  
29 conform to all applicable local, state, and federal laws,  
30 rules, and regulations regarding standards for school buses.  
31 A school district or nonpublic school may participate in the  
32 program in lieu of following the procedures for the purchase of  
33 school buses prescribed by chapter 285.

34 6. The department, in conjunction with the department of  
35 education, shall adopt rules to administer this section.



1 services may award a contract for purchase to any bidder or  
2 bidders responsive to the needs of at least one school district  
3 or nonpublic school participating in the state school bus  
4 purchasing program.

5 The bill provides that participation in the state school bus  
6 purchasing program by school districts and nonpublic schools  
7 is voluntary. The bill provides that a school district or  
8 nonpublic school may accept any bid for which the department  
9 of administrative services awards a contract for purchase.  
10 The bill provides that a school district or nonpublic school  
11 participating in the program must conform to all applicable  
12 local, state, and federal laws, rules, and regulations  
13 regarding standards for school buses. The bill specifies that  
14 a school district or nonpublic school may participate in the  
15 program in lieu of following the procedures for the purchase of  
16 school buses prescribed by Code chapter 285.

17 The bill directs the department of administrative services,  
18 in conjunction with the department of education, to adopt rules  
19 to administer the bill.